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# 'Click it or Ticket' campaign launched

By Pfc. Andy Hurt  
BARSTOW LOG staff

On a desolate desert highway, a car speeding along at over 70 miles per-hour slides around a curve and rolls off the road. Inside the vehicle, a driver who neglected to wear his seatbelt is hurtled to the opposite seat.

The only passenger, a 200-pound man flies into the driver, causing a combined force (passenger mass and speed of vehicle) of around 6,000 pounds. The car then flips, causing the driver to shatter the windshield with his face and then impale himself on the shift lever.

Finally, as the car flips again, the driver's still propelled upper body pops his door open, wedging his head between the ground and vehicle as the rolling ceases.

It may sound like a scene from "Red Asphalt," but fiscal year 2002 meant this same horrific end for nearly 25 Marines involved in vehicle accidents where unfastened seatbelts could have saved their lives, according to a recent Marine administration message.

In an effort to prevent related fatalities in the future, the Marine Corps recently announced its involvement in the nationwide Click It or Ticket campaign, a radical law enforcement program launched May 19 by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Although the campaign ended Sunday, "Click It or Ticket" will stand as policy nationwide.

The mobilization of the campaign claimed participation of more than 12,000 law enforcement agencies in all 50 states, according to Buckle Up America, an online resource for traf-

fic safety.

Military installations were not excluded in the campaign, and MCLB Barstow was no exception.

Master Sgt. Richard N. Holman, provost sergeant at the Provost Marshal's Office here, said seatbelt use of all vehicle occupants is nothing new to the Marine Corps; however, penalties for neglecting to use seatbelts have become much stiffer.

"(The Marine Corps) used to only give a warning for first-time offenders," said Holman.

The newly revised Marine Corps order authorized minimum 7-day privilege suspension for all first offenses, added Holman.

Master Sgt. David W. VanHovel, traffic court hearing officer here, said he always sentences offenders the maximum 15-day base driving privilege suspension for first-time offenders. A

spokesperson for the NHTSA said the goal for the campaign is not to write more tickets but to influence people to buckle up to prevent injuries and fatalities.

Increasing the likelihood of fines and suspensions usually persuades motorists to use their seatbelts.

Holman, as a traffic accident investigator, said the motivation to be safe in vehicles reaches far beyond tickets and fines. He added that throughout his career, he has seen a lot of deaths due to seatbelt neglect.

The message is simple, said Holman, "Driving without seatbelts is an unacceptable risk."

### Editor's Note:

Information from this article was taken from Buckleupamerica.org.



Photo courtesy of Michelle Bledsoe

Michelle Bledsoe, fire inspector for the MCLB Fire and Emergency Services Division, was inducted to the University of Redlands Hall of Fame for her softball accomplishments while attending there. See related story on Page 4.

## NCO symposium collects ideas

Marine Corps' future ideas debated

By Sgt. Joseph Lee  
BARSTOW LOG staff

The base Marine of the year represented MCLB Barstow at the annual NCO Symposium held May 18 through 23 at the Liversedge Hall in Quantico, Va.

Cpl. Gabriel A. Lopez, internal controls for the Finance Office, brought to the symposium a list of ideas that were collaborated by local noncommissioned officers in a brief conducted by the base sergeant major prior to the symposium.

"Everyone had a list of ideas to discuss with the panel of sergeants major, which included the sergeant major of the Marine Corps," said Lopez.

The approximately 40 NCOs from units around the Marine Corps, working together with the sergeants major, briefly screened the many ideas and issues to determine if some of them could be directed back to the unit, or to different avenues to be dealt with, according to Lopez.

"It was tough breaking down the issues for presentation to Sgt. Maj.

McMichaels," said Lopez, "because we had to review all the Marine Corps Orders to make sure the facts were accurate, and prepare the presenter so that his presentation went smoothly."

According to Lopez, the issues were broken down to those that may be handled by the commandant, and the NCOs were tasked with asking themselves, "Can this be solved at the command level?"

Once the issues were screened for their level of significance, the NCOs were split into four teams to attack the different categories of issues that were brought to the table.

"I was in team four, which handled promotions, pay and entitlements," said Lopez. "We discussed the issue of emergency leave and leave sharing, an issue that was brought from here, which our team felt had some significance to the Marine Corps."

The basic idea was debated as a similar program to the federal employees' "leave sharing program," and

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# The Commander's Forum

The "Commander's Forum" is a tool of the base commander to hear and address the concerns of base residents, employees and others. To contact the Commander's Forum, call the hotline at 577-6535 or send your concerns via e-mail to [Forumc@barstow.usmc.mil](mailto:Forumc@barstow.usmc.mil).

**Q** I got back to the RV last night and there was a piece of paper taped on the door latch handle. It said that RV space rates were going up to \$10 for full service, and that it will be \$5 for water and electricity. It says that there will be no monthly rate. Full service was \$200, and water and electricity was \$100.

So what this is saying is that there is now a slightly higher than 50 percent rate hike on RV spaces. Now it is true that the spaces are relatively cheap. I say relatively because there is nothing there.

There is water, electricity, and sewage if one wants it. There are no showers, and it is not

improved as far as shade, the grounds, or leveling of spaces.

Sewage was already disproportionate in price to the electricity and water sites. A 50 percent hike in anything is unheard of, and would be called unconscionable. Now the sewage sites will be \$300 plus, and the water and electricity sites will be \$150 plus.

The people who stay at these parks long term are either military retirees, military disabled, or civilian employees or the DOD. It is not the people whom stop in as they are passing through that support these places, but it is the long-term space renter that is responsible for conveying the funds that keep them up and operating.

Some of these folks may not be able to pay the extra, and some may not just as a matter of principle, either way it means that the money that could be going to MCCC would not. That money would be lost.

I understand that it is a good stable place to generate funds, but it is also a place to lose good stable funds. I doubt electricity or water either one has gone up 50 percent, and I've seen nothing environmentally about sewage or septic. This place is maintenance free, at least nothing has been done.

I don't think the RV'ers should be picked on to pay for what MCCC is losing because of toilet paper theft. Imagine how much toilet paper

a 5, 10, 15, or even a 20 percent hike on RV spaces would pay for. It would certainly pay for enough that you would not have to hear that excuse again. 50 percent is too high!

**A** Thank you for expressing your concerns about the rate increase at the Recreational Vehicle Park operated by the Marine Corps Community Services Department. The RV Park rates were established in 1997 at \$5.00 per day for sites 1 through 9, which have water and electric hook-ups only; and, \$10.00 per day for

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# Priorities in relationships

By **Lt. Cmdr. Randel Livingood**  
Base Chaplain



There are some wonderful teaching moments that happen in life and many times those moments are learned in a painless way; other times there is a bit of a sting involved.

By "sting" I mean the same thing dentists

mean when they say, "You may experience some discomfort." You understand now don't you? You may be wondering what got me started thinking along these lines so I suppose that I should let you in on the secret.

I was thinking about priorities. Priority is one of those simple words that is pregnant with meaning.

I believe we all have priorities and I believe that they change from time to time. Certainly anyone who has been to all the time management classes will tell you how quickly priorities can shift. Sometimes you can control the shift and other times you cannot, but you still have to work out how you are going to accomplish all of the tasks assigned.

One of the ways that we manage priorities is by figuring out what will be needed to accom-

plish each task, how soon the task must be completed, and how imperative it is to be completed.

Armed with that knowledge we press ahead and determine how to get things done. Once the decision is made, we must commit to following our plan of action in order to complete what we set out to do. This effort we could call focus and we could use it to see how things are supposed to turn out and we can also see where there may be obstacles.

We have to be careful to avoid tunnel vision because then we will not be able to alternate paths to completing our tasks. We must be able to see past the hard parts and work through them in order to be successful. We must be willing to make sacrifices sometimes in order to get the job done and frankly most of the time it does cost us something of a personal nature to get the job done right.

I think this same thinking can be applied to other areas of our lives. We can apply it to relationships as well. I believe sometimes people fall into the trap of not being willing to commit to a relationship for the long term. It just seems so easy to walk out on a friendship or a partnership or a business relationship when things get tough.

What it really takes to make all those relationships work is commitment and focus. A commitment to the other person and a focus on the goal of working together in a way that brings

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# Just doing my job ...



Photo by Sgt. Joseph Lee

Cpl. James Castro, S1 clerk for Administrative Support Department, treads water under the supervision of 1st Lt. Casey Taylor, base adjutant, during 1st Platoon's regular lunch-time pool training. The base pools are open Tuesdays through Sundays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Lap swimming at both pools is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Oasis Pool is for E-6 and above only, and the Family Pool is open for anyone to use. Military training requests should be forwarded to the S-3 training department at Headquarters Battalion.

## Chapel Services

Protestant Sun. 8:30 a.m.  
Mass Sun. 10:30 a.m.

**Confession services  
before Mass**

## Catholic Rosary

First Saturday of  
every month.  
3 p.m. at the **Base Chapel**.

For more info call  
577-6849.

## Nebo Bible Study

Wednesday Noon-1:30 p.m.  
At the **Chapel Office**.

For more info call  
577-6849.



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## Lunch Menu

Unless otherwise indicated lunch menus for the Family Restaurant and Cactus Cafe are the same. Lunch menus are subject to change.

**Today** – Beef stir fry.

**Friday** – Breaded catfish.

**Monday** – Beef stew.

**Tuesday** – Sliced baked ham.

**Wednesday** – Yankee pot roast.

Active duty military \$3.25, all others, including civilians \$4.75. Lunch entrees include roll/butter, vegetable, coffee, tea or soft drink.

Lunch is served at the Family Restaurant from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. At the Cactus Cafe from 11 a.m. to noon. Cactus Cafe serves hamburgers, subs, salads and other line items available for walk in lunch—for other Family Restaurant lunch menu items, call in orders before 9:30 a.m. to the Family Restaurant at 577-6428.

## Breakfast

Breakfast at the Family Restaurant is from 5:30 to 7:30 a.m. At the Cactus Cafe from 5:30 to 6:30 a.m. Prices: Active duty military \$1.60, all others \$3.25.

## Family Night Dining

**Tonight** – Spaghetti Night. Spaghetti, garlic bread, tossed green salad, dessert, plus a fountain drink of choice.

## CWRA Baseball Game

The Civilian Welfare and Recreation Association is sponsoring a trip to see the Anaheim Angels play the New York Mets June 13.

There will be a fireworks show after the game.

The tickets are \$7 and there are 25 of them available. The seats are between 3rd base and home plate and are non-refundable. For more information or tickets, call Vince Chavez at 577-7580.

## KVN/Town Hall Meetings

There will be a Key Volunteer Network meeting Wednesday at the Oasis Club at 4:30 p.m. All spouses of military and MCLB employees are welcome to attend.

A Combined Town Hall meeting will be held June 18 at 6 p.m. at the Youth Activities Center. All base residents are welcome to attend.

For more information on these meetings, call 577-6556.

## Tees n' Trees specials

Breakfast Club Special - Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7 a.m. to noon, green fees: \$5 for 9 holes, \$8 for 18 holes.

Call for details 577-6431. Tees n' Trees golf course is open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to dusk.

## Baby Sitter Training

The Child Development Center is offering American Red Cross babysitter training Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Building 372 (CDC).

The cost is \$15 for the book and certification. Register at the CDC by close of business June 9.

For more information call Grace Wall at 577-6049/6287.

## Pools now open

The Family Pool and the Oasis Club Pool are open. The normal hours for the pools will be Tuesdays through Sundays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The pools will be open for lap swimming Tuesdays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Summer YAC Programs

Summer fun at the Youth Activities Center for youth ages 6 through 15 will begin Monday.

This program will run Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through August 22.

The program will not be in session July 4. Program space is limited to 60 children.

Each week will have a fun theme with activities such as field trips, arts and crafts, swimming and sports activities.

Meals will not be provided, however, the YAC snack bar will be open for children who wish to purchase food.

The cost of this program will be \$20 per week for the first child and \$10 per week for each additional child.

There will be extra charges for some field trips, and children must provide their own snack lunch for the field trips.

Open recreation will be scheduled from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays for children. For teens the schedule is 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

The YAC is also open to all ages from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays. Open recreation dues are \$5 per month for one child, \$3 for each additional child in the family.

Open recreation will have special field trips and activities scheduled for teens, ages 13 to 18 during the summer, to include a trip to Magic Mountain.

Space is limited. For more information call 577-6287.



## SMP Movie Night

The Single Marine Program will have a Movie Night at the Enlisted Club, Tuesday, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Popcorn, sodas, games, and lot of fun are available. For more information call 577-6817 or 577-6812.

## Ceramic show trip

The Ceramic Hobby Shop has a trip planned for Saturday, to the Ceramic Show in San Bernardino. The cost is \$14 (\$10 trip fee, \$4 door fee).

There may still be room in the van, call as soon as possible. For more information call 577-6228.

## New ATM locations

There are now three Pacific Marine Credit Union ATMs aboard MCLB Barstow. The one at Nebo is located on the side of the Super Seven Day Store.

The other two are at the Yermo Annex. One is located in Building 573 and the other is at the Railhead Exchange.

## MCCS One Source Online

MCCS Onesource Online offers assistance on a variety of issues including taking care of your family, building your career, managing your money, strengthening relationships,

## Hospital Corps celebrates 105th

### Medical clinic to be closed June 13

The Branch Medical Clinic here will be closed June 13 in celebration of the 105th Navy Hospital Corps birthday.

The dispensary in Building 573 at the Yermo Annex will be open for occupational health services for MCB workers from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information contact Helen Sampilo-Spencer at 577-7745.

For more than a century, the Hospital Corps has played a large roll to ensure sailors, Marines and their families receive the best quality health care whether they are at home, stationed overseas or deployed.

Navy hospital corpsmen's roots date back to the 19th century. Navy Surgeon General James Tryon was the first to suggest the idea of establishing an "organized hospital corps," which he defined as "a professional, well-trained group of individuals to provide medical care for the Navy." After years of lobbying on Tryon's part, in 1898, Congress approved a bill establishing the Navy's long-needed corps.

Since then, hospital corpsmen have repeatedly distinguished their corps. Whether on the battlefield with the Marines and seals, aboard surface ships and submarines, at military healthcare facilities worldwide, deploying with Seabees and aiding victims of natural and man-made disasters, anytime the call for "corpsman up" has been made, hospital corpsmen have moved swiftly into action to aid the wounded and bleeding.

The Navy Hospital Corps continues to serve around the world in widely diverse roles, always standing ready to assist.

The Hospital Corps looks upon its history of selfless giving and sacrifice with pride at their distinguished heritage and the pledge to continue to meet those high standards.

The 105th Hospital Corps birthday is a time for all corpsmen to reflect on their proud and distinguished heritage and look forward to the challenges that await in the 21st century.

Editor's Note: Information from [www.kingsbayperiscope.com](http://www.kingsbayperiscope.com) was used for this article.

# MCLB Fire inspector inducted into hall of fame

By Pfc. Andy Hurt  
BARSTOW LOG staff

MCLB Barstow fire inspector Michelle S. Bledsoe was inducted into the University of Redlands Athletic Hall of Fame in a ceremony May 3.

The induction came as no surprise to Bledsoe’s longtime friend and confidant Loretta M. Becknall, a management assistant

in the Office of the Comptroller here. “She’s very athletic, dedicated and hard-working,” said Becknall.

Bledsoe, who was born in Newberry Springs and subsequently moved to Barstow, showed interest in sports even as a child.

“I used to stand in my backyard and hit rocks with a baseball bat,” quipped Bledsoe.

Her mother enrolled her and coached her first softball team when Bledsoe was the age of

six. Sports were an important part of her life all the way through high school.

Bledsoe attended Silver Valley High School, where she was active in softball and volleyball. After high school she wasted no time and enrolled at the California State University of San Bernardino.

Bledsoe didn’t play any sports the year she attended Cal State, and she soon transferred to the University of Redlands, where she was recruited for volleyball.

Bledsoe, however, chose softball instead, and got involved with the softball program at Redlands almost immediately.

“I played short-stop and pitched,” said Bledsoe.

Balancing a tight schedule of work, softball and academics, Bledsoe dreamed of one day being a hall of fame athlete.

“I worked at the gym and I used to dust the (hall of fame) plaques. I always thought to myself, ‘That would be awesome.’”

Bledsoe focused on her dreams even when the “going got rough,” and felt constant support from her friends and family, she said.

“My grandma has always motivated me,” said Bledsoe with a smile.

Motivation and true grit were key factors leading to academic achievements of Bledsoe’s.

After graduating college with a bachelor’s in psychology, Bledsoe faced a new challenge in her life that has made all the difference since.

“I had a baby and decided to be a Mom,” Bledsoe stated.

Her daughter, Chelsea, 7, is willfully following in her mother’s footsteps and playing on a youth softball league.

“I encourage her, and she wants to play,” said Bledsoe.

Long before she was destroying opponents on the softball field, Bledsoe began her career here as a summertime childcare specialist at the Child Development Center.

“I first met Michelle when she was a summer hire here,” said Becknall.

Their friendship blossomed, said Becknall, adding that Bledsoe’s positive attitude doesn’t end with sports.

“She gets along with everyone. We’ve been good friends for about 10 years now,” she added.

Despite her talent, Bledsoe said she never considered softball a “way of life.”

“It’s just a stress reliever,” she said.

Bledsoe’s personal stats earning her the induction at Redlands include three-time All-American status, four-time all Southern California Intercollegic Athletic Conference (SCIAC) player, Most Valuable Player in 1992, 1993 and 1995.

She had 41 stolen bases, 138 runs batted in, a career batting average of .440, and All-West Region player 1993, 1994 and 1995, including starting all 136 games of her career.

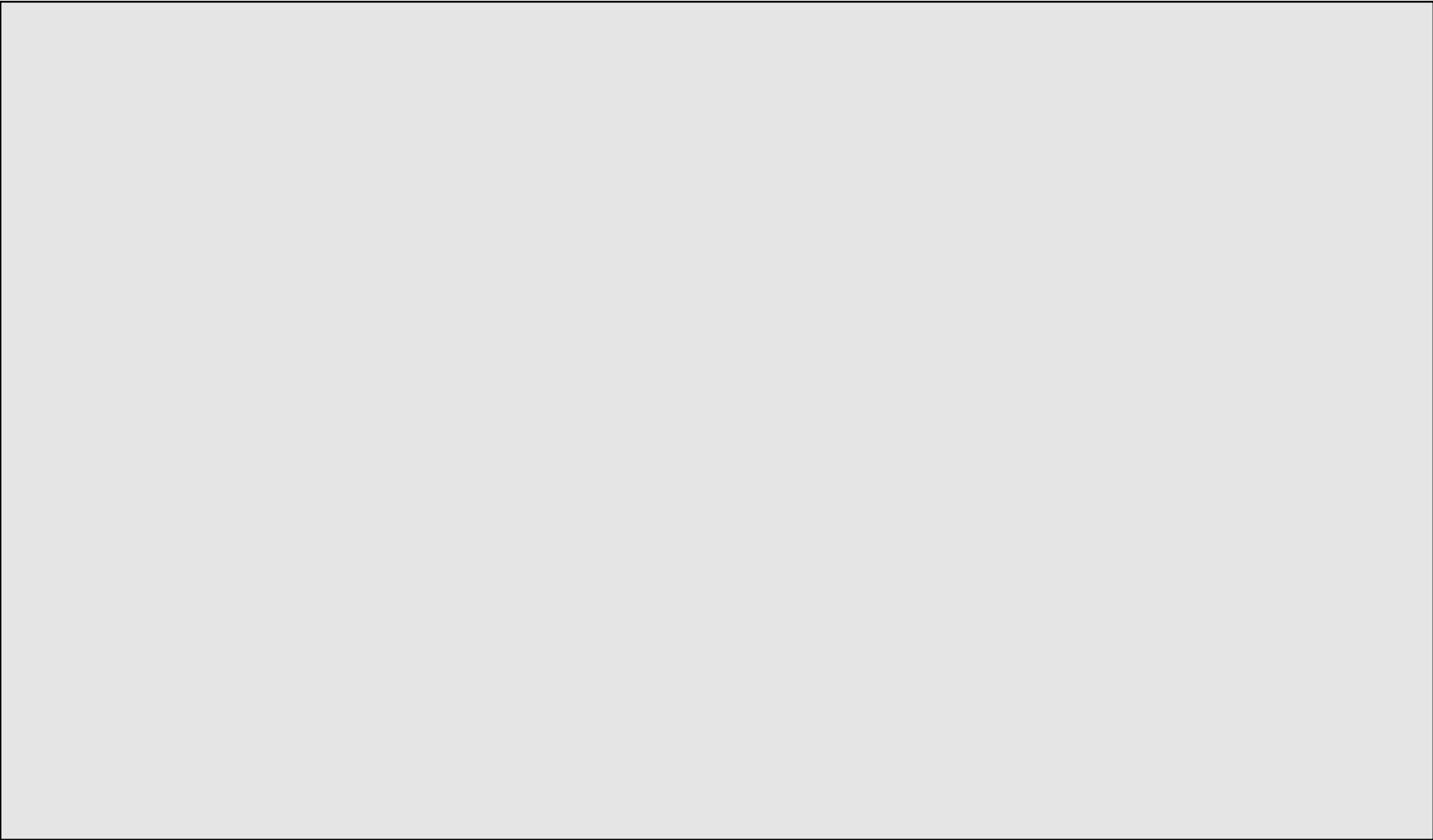
Currently, Bledsoe is involved in more than one softball league, adding that she plays the sport with her husband Jeremy.

Bledsoe’s advice to aspiring young athletes is straight to the point: “Stay in school, always keep a positive attitude and listen to your coaches.”



Photo courtesy of Michelle Bledsoe

Bledsoe turns a double play while playing shortstop for the University of the Redlands. She was inducted into their hall of fame May 3.





# Man vs. fish: The one that didn't get away

By Sgt. Joseph Lee  
BARSTOW LOG staff

Everyone knows the story when a buddy returns from a long fishing trip, battered and bruised, there is always the interesting story about the "one that got away." But when a coworker returns with a black eye, and claims he and the "big one" got into a fight, people may begin to roll their eyes.

Fortunately for LeRoy Fearon, maintenance work leader for Installation and Logistics Department here, he got the best of the king salmon, and the 30 pounds of proof has been grilling on his barbecue for the past couple weeks.

Fearon's fishing trip and Mother's Day weekend began immediately after work on May 9 when he drove all the way to the San Francisco Bay area.

"We had to wake up at 2 a.m. Saturday to get down to the boat, so I only got about two hours of sleep

once I made it to the bay," said Fearon. "This was my first fishing trip of the season, and the first fishing license I had bought in years. I was hoping for a great day."

According to Fearon, the weather was pristine. The swells were mild, the fog was light and the absence of wind made for a beautiful 3-hour voyage in the Rapid Transit from Emeryville, Calif., out to the Farallon Islands. The word on the docks said salmon fishing couldn't be beat on the north side.

On the way out, porpoises and seals raced along next to the boat, keeping the fishermen company. As they arrived at their destination, the light fog retreated, unveiling bright sunlight and a warm day for the eager fishermen.

"We started trolling with anchovies on the north side of the islands, in what is known as Fanny Shole," Fearon said. "There was a nibble here and there, but we couldn't have had our lines in the water more than 10 minutes when

the captain of the boat got word that the fish were being caught on the south side. We pulled our lines and hauled over to the better location."

As soon as the Rapid Transit neared the popular location, the 20 fishermen dropped their lines and began to troll.

"Fish started jumping on lines left and right as soon as we got there!" said Fearon. "It was pure mayhem. Deckhands were darting back and forth trying to net all the fish, lines were tangling. It was crazy! There were guys that had double and triple hookups, and that's when I started to get excited. I knew I was going to get a big one."

Around the boat, a pool was established to award the person who brought in the biggest fish, and it had reached around \$100. The competition was fierce, and most fishermen were already reaching the two-fish limit early in the day.

When Fearon got the hit, he was surprised by the power of the mystery fish.

"It was one powerful fish!" said Fearon. "I just wanted to get it in the boat as quick as possible, before the seals got a hold of it."

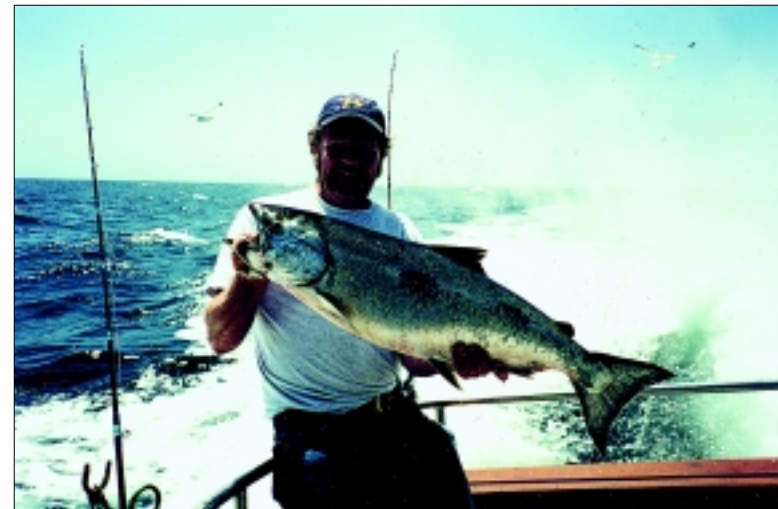


Photo courtesy of LeRoy Fearon

Fearon shows off his prize catch, a 30-pound king salmon, which he caught in the San Francisco Bay.

The seals outside the bay are notorious for stealing fish. They have been known to steal an entire fish right off a line, or even bite off the majority, leaving a fisherman with just the head dangling from his line, according to Fearon.

The fight lasted 20 minutes, and the fatigued fisherman called for a deckhand as soon as the fish approached the side of the boat.

"The boat was rocking back and forth so bad I needed to brace myself so I wouldn't fall off. When

the guy netted the fish, I leaned forward to compensate, and he came back. As I stared into the net at my enormous catch, the butt of the net caught me right in the eye," said Fearon. "I almost passed out it hit me so hard. Needless to say, I was pretty dazed when the deckhand pointed to my fish and said, 'Boy, that could be the winnin' fish right there,' which made my day."

Once all the men reached their

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Photo courtesy of LeRoy Fearon

Bruised and battered from the fish he caught, Fearon shows off his black eye.

# READY, FRONT

Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow

## Headquarters Battalion awards for May and June

### Promotions

Cpl. Steven Colbird  
Staff Sgt. Laura Sikes  
Sgt. Scott Hadeen  
Cpl. Jonathan Henderson  
Lance Cpl. Andy Hurt

Cpl. Juan Calderon  
Cpl. Sara Desautels  
Lance Cpl. Eric Dortch  
Lance Cpl. Michael Ojeda  
Lance Cpl. John Rios

### Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal

Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Skjelver  
Cpl. Gabriel Lopez

### Good Conduct Medal

Cpl. Frank Weinald IV

### Certificate of Commendation

Staff Sgt. Edward Snider  
Sgt. Tony Slater  
Sgt. Giovanni Valladares  
Cpl. Robert Anguiano  
Cpl. Christopher Barrera

### Certificate of Physical Achievement

1st.Lt. Jason Kut  
Lance Cpl. Eric Dortch  
Pfc. Neil Fucci

## Headquarters Battalion events

### Family Fun Day

Headquarters Battalion will be having a Family Fun Day June 13 at the Enlisted Club starting at 9 a.m.

All Marines are encouraged to attend and Marines with families are encouraged to bring them along.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Joseph Wynne at 577-6459.

### Golf and Basketball Tournaments

The Marine Corps Ball Committee will be having two fundraisers June 20.

There will be a golf tournament at the Tees and Trees Golf Course starting at 7 p.m. Signs ups will begin at 6 a.m.

A basketball tournament will be held at the Base Gym starting at 7 a.m. as well. Sign ups will start at 6 a.m. The prices will be \$10 for each team member.

The format will be a three-on-three half court tournament. For more information about either of these tournaments, call Gunnery Sgt. Nohelia Fritz at 577-6014.

### Food Sales

There will be a sausage sale June 10 and a nacho sale June 17 at the Maintenance Center to support the Marine Corps Ball Committee.

Both sales will be at lunch time. For more information, call Gunnery Sgt. Nohelia Fritz at 577-6014.



Photo by Curt Lambert

Charles E. Cook (left), assistant deputy commandant for Programs and Resources (Fiscal)/director, Fiscal Division, Headquarters Marine Corps, enjoys a light moment with Gary Baker, deputy commander Maintenance Center Barstow, while observing a demonstration on the MCB Test Track. Cook visited MCLB Barstow on Monday and receive an overview of MCLB Barstow and the Maintenance Center's operations.

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ended up being presented to the panel in the form of Marines' emergency leave being considered permissive temporary additional duty, rather than charged as annual leave.

"The panel seemed very interested in the issue," said Lopez. "It was one of the final issues that will be presented to the commandant."

The other teams debated issues such as training and fitness; incentives and quality of life; and safety, equipment, uniforms and miscellaneous items.

"Most of the issues brought up were sent to other channels and departments to handle," said Lopez. "Different department heads were also in attendance to discuss with Marines issues that came up that were already being discussed or worked on."

One of these issues, according to Lopez, was family member use of the G.I. Bill.

"The issue was brought up about whether or

not our unused G.I. Bill will be able to be passed on to our children or dependants," said Lopez. "The feeling I got was that it was an issue already in review by the education department."

Though there were many issues discussed during the symposium Lopez recalls one of them as being a particularly interesting issue.

"Someone brought up the idea of having an MOS proficiency test for sergeants and below to test a Marine's MOS-specific knowledge annually and upon return from temporary duty outside his or her MOS," said Lopez.

According to Lopez, there is already a similar test in effect in the aviation field, and it was this Marine's idea to spread the testing throughout all of the MOSs.

"I thought it was a great idea," said Lopez. "It gives NCOs an opportunity to understand how well a junior Marine has maintained his job proficiency after being out of his MOS for a long time."

Also discussed at the symposium, was the issue of financial management and planning among junior Marines.

"The senior leadership on the panel seemed very interested in some of the issues and new ideas that were discussed concerning financial training and budgeting," said Lopez. "The Marines felt that the proper training is not sufficient considering all of the junior Marines seeking supplemental government aid."

Lopez, with the collaboration of fellow NCOs, presented the issues and concerns of the NCOs aboard MCLB to the senior leadership of the Marine Corps and had a good time doing it.

"I think all NCOs should get an opportunity to attend an NCO Symposium," said Lopez. "I think it was awesome, getting together with fellow NCOs and actually making a change, and seeing change happen. Definitely a really big opportunity for any Marine NCO."

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# 'Combat cooks' feed MEF

By Sgt. Colin Wyers  
I Marine Expeditionary Force

CAMP BABYLON, Iraq - The Camp Babylon field mess cooks and messmen serve 1,100 meals twice-a-

day to support the First Marine Expeditionary Force, waking before dawn to prepare breakfast and working until sunset to clean up after dinner diners are gone.

The I MEF Headquarters Group

cooks, who have pitched in with drivers and security for the command element's move north into Iraq, provide a respite from Meals, Ready-to-Eat for the MEF, which commanded Marine forces in Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Photo by Sgt. Colin Wyers

Sausage gravy is spread over scrambled eggs at the Camp Babylon, Iraq, mess hall May 28. The First Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group serves two hot meals every day to more than 1,100 people



Photo by Sgt. Colin Wyers

Lance Cpl. J.C. Vincente, Houston native and First Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group cook, removes a tray ration from the heater to prepare for breakfast May 28 at Camp Babylon, Iraq. Vincente has been deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom since December. In addition to his regular duties he has worked as a driver in convoy traveling across southern Iraq and providing security for the I MEF command element during Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Photo by Sgt. Colin Wyers

Lance Cpl. Brandon Sander, a Medford, Ore., native serving mess duty with the First Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group mess hall, watches as waffles are placed on a tray during breakfast at Camp Babylon, Iraq, May 28. Sander, motor transportation mechanic, Truck Company, Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division, arrived in Kuwait in February, and crossed over into Iraq in late March to participate in Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Photo by Sgt. Colin Wyers

Ahad abid Waheed, from Jumjumah, Iraq, prepares pita bread for the Marines, sailors and soldiers of Camp Babylon, Iraq, May 27. Waheed is teaching his baking technique to the cooks of the First Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group.



# Sports

## MCLB Bulldogs whoop up on Put Me In Coach

**Compiled by**  
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The MCLB Bulldogs routed Put Me In Coach 24-6 May 29 at the SPORTSPARK in Barstow.

Joshua Barnhardt went three for three with two home runs, a double, and six RBIs to help the Bulldogs to the victory.

The game was quickly put out of reach in the first inning when the Bulldogs started the game with a triple off the left field wall by Peter Vegliante. The next two batters reached base, and then Barnhardt cleared the bases with his first home run of the night.

The Bulldogs scored seven runs in the inning and then put the clamps down on defense. Put Me In Coach managed

no more than three runs in a single inning before the game was called due to the slaughter rule.

MCLB batted 16 players in its lineup since it was the first game of the season and the team wanted to get a feel for how good each player was.

Anthony Hill joined Barnhardt with three hits, Vegliante, Dale Cobin, James Hainer, Jason Martinez, Joe Huron, Sean Mulcahy, Juan Ayon, and Jeff Pearson had two hits, and Danny Nixon, Richard Celaya, David Meeden, and Jose Sanchez had one hit.

The Bulldogs play a double header June 12 at the SPORTSPARK, starting at 6:15 p.m. MCLB has practices every Tuesday at 6 p.m. For those who are interested in joining the team, call Celaya at 577-7353 or show up to practice.



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Jason Martinez, pitcher, sends an offering to the plate. Put Me In Coach only managed six runs off Martinez and the MCLB Bulldog defense.





By Jim Gaines  
MCCS Publicity

### Disneyland free admission

At Disneyland/California Adventure theme parks, through Dec. 19, all active duty military personnel are offered free admission with a three-day ticket to both parks, with Disney's Armed Forces Salute.

Active duty military personnel may also make a one time purchase of a three-day Disney's Armed Forces Salute Companion Ticket during this offer period for up to five family members or friends for \$39 each.

For complete details and additional discounts, visit their Web site at [www.disneyland.com/military](http://www.disneyland.com/military).

### Sea World free admission

Sea World's Hero Salute is offering active duty military and active reservists a free one-day admission through Nov. 11.

The free pass includes as many as four direct family members. Passes must be obtained through ITT.

For more details call ITT at 577-6541 or visit their Web site at [www.seaworld.com](http://www.seaworld.com).

### Universal Studio's mega freebie

Universal Studio's Military Salute offers all active duty military personnel free unlimited admission, as many days as desired, now through Dec 19.

Five family members or friends of each service member will be able to purchase the same unlimited pass for \$39.

Universal Studios also offers specialty priced tickets for military retirees as well as DOD civilian employees.

Tickets must be obtained through ITT. For more details call ITT at 577-6541 or visit their Web site at [www.universalstudioshollywood.com](http://www.universalstudioshollywood.com).

### Father's Day Sale at Super Seven Day Store

The Father's Day Sale now through June 15 features great gifts for dad.

Here are some of the gift ideas: a Remington B/O shaver for \$9.99, a JWIN personal CD player at \$19.99, a JWIN CD/Cassette Boombox just \$19.99, a boxed tool set at 30 percent off the marked price, and a 19" barbecue grill with 4 pounds of charcoal, just \$24.99.

The Super Seven Day Store also is featuring a nice selection of gifts for dad under \$20.

The Super Seven Day Store is open Mondays through Fridays from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 256-8974 for more information.

The Railhead Exchange is open for regular hours Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is closed Saturdays and Sundays. During troop rotation, it is open Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Water Park tickets

ITT has tickets for the water parks: Soak City, Wild Rivers, Raging Waters, and Wet n' Wild.

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### Disneyland Season Passes

Season passes to Disneyland and

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complimentary parking.

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## PLAN AHEAD NOW... FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH AT THE FAMILY RESTAURANT Sunday, 15 June 0900 to 1400



### Menu

Baked & fried chicken, assorted omelets cooked to order, baron of beef carved on line, bacon, sausage, oven roasted potatoes, cut corn, french toast, pancakes, fresh cut fruit, tossed green salad & dessert.

### All Welcome!

Adults \$10.95,

Children 11 to 5 years \$7.95

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sites 10 through 20, which have water, electricity and sewer hook-ups. When these rates were established, an incentive was offered to assist in advertising the RV Park. This incentive was given if a patron paid for a month in advance; they would receive the weekends for free, so a \$5.00 a day site was \$100.00 for the month, 20 days, vice \$150.00 for 30 days and the \$10.00 a day site was \$200.00 for the month, 20 days, vice \$300.00 for 30 days. We have elected to charge for every day a site is occupied. Although the daily rate will remain the same, you will now be required to pay for every day you occupy a site.

With operating budgets getting tighter, each activity had to be looked at very closely. At our previous rates, a \$5.00 site on the monthly program equated to \$3.33 a day and the \$10.00 site was only \$6.66 a day. After almost six years, it was time to re-evaluate our rates and make adjustments.

Your comments regarding the unimproved sites, lack of showers, and very little shade are legitimate and a significant reason for the increase in rates. At our previous rates, M CCS was not able to generate enough income at the RV Park to allow for capital improvements such as concrete pads, picnic tables, sunshades, and barbeque grills. It is our goal to generate sufficient revenue to allow us to start making these types of improvements without having to increase our daily rates.

It is the responsibility of M CCS to ensure each activity is operating as economically as possible and on an equitable basis with other activities so that each activity is paying its fair share. Please remember that the money received from activities that charge for their program help to pay for the activities that do not charge. The RV Park rates are still low when compared to other military bases and very low when compared to civilian locations.

Thank you for contacting the Commander's Forum.

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meaning to both lives. This is an effort that both parties must make.

They cannot believe that entering any kind of relationship will cost them nothing and that everything will magically happen without any effort. Some people get too "busy" to be bothered with relationships because they take so much work. They simply go through life with a sense of brokenness, fairly alone, never really the joy of true friendship.

As you go about your daily routine this week, pause for a moment and think about all the relationships in which you are involved. I believe that the sheer numbers will stagger you.

Now, think about what you could do to improve those relationships. Is it taking a little more time to focus on the goal of developing a working relationship?

Is it showing some more common courtesy? Could it be something as simple as a heartfelt smile in the right

direction?

Maybe all of those things will be at work as you start building and rebuilding your relationships. Whatever tools you employ the key is recognizing that people are a part of our world and that people need relationships and that relationships cost us something to make them work and that when relationships work we get the job done.

Peace,  
Fr Randel

## FEARON from Page 5

limits, the boat came in, and so did Fearon's 30-pound salmon. As it turned out, Fearon's catch was the top fish of the day, winning him the pool.

"It paid for my trip out," said Fearon. "And then I got to go spend some time with my mom, who was a little confused about the black eye but comforted when she saw the size of the fish that gave it to me."

Is a black eye worth at least a month worth of fresh salmon?

As far as Fearon is concerned, there's no question that he wouldn't trade in that experience of bounty and blunder for anything, and the salmon dinners are a good bonus. The big one may have put up a fight, but it didn't get away. After all, there could only be one winner, according to Fearon.

"Boy I tell you what, talk about good eatin'!" he said.

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agement to massage therapy and yoga. Locate nursing homes, assisted living arrangements, and home health agencies.

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MISCELLANEOUS: Prowler Travel Trailer, 24 feet long, sleeps 7, microwave, refrigerator, freezer, a/c, heat, all the necessities, xlt. cond., a must see, \$7,000, OBO, only selling to buy a larger one. Call 256-4873 (8-5), or 253-2677 AWH.

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MISCELLANEOUS: Microwave oven sharp, \$25; game table \$60; Akai reel-to-reel 4 channel, \$200 with remote chord; Nintendo game box \$40; super Nintendo portable game kit, \$50. Call 252-7789.

MISCELLANEOUS: Wooden coffee table with wood center and beveled glass on each side, bottom shelf also wood, very good condition, real wood, \$50. Call 256-4873 (8-5), or 253-2677 AWH.

MISCELLANEOUS: Women's golf set, great starter set, comes with bag, tees, balls, clubs are in xlt. cond. (putter included), for right-handed golfer, great deal, \$100. Call 760-486-4234 ask for Mary.

MISCELLANEOUS: EZ Up Dome tent 8 x12 nearly new, \$100; RV/truck tires, Michelin, LTX 235-85-R16, \$40. each. Call 256-6629.

MISCELLANEOUS: SS-59 Chevy truck gas tank, \$50; new 6 gallon plastic gas tank for outboard engine, \$10; 4x4 roof rack, #25; leaf springs with hangers (3 Sets)  $\frac{3}{4}$  &  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton; Reese adjustable hitch 8" drop max for 2 " receiver. Call Jim 255-2115

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